

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE
CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM FOUNDATION TOGETHER
WITH OTHER INTERESTED PATRONS AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY
OF LITTLE ROCK TO SOLICIT FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
A PORTION OF THE I-30 CROSSING PARK IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF
THE MAIN BRANCH OF THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY
SYSTEM FOUNDATION; CONSENTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
PORTION OF THE PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas has commissioned the architecture and design firm of "Sasaki" to create and design a plan for the development of a City Park within an area owned by the State of Arkansas and which was formerly occupied by access ramps and other public improvements in the Interstate 30 right of way (the "I-30 Crossing Park"); and,

WHEREAS, a portion of the I-30 Crossing Park is immediately south of the Main Branch of the Central Arkansas Library System, consisting of approximately 618 linear feet adjacent to the south right-of-way boundary of Second Street between Cumberland Avenue on the West and River Market Avenue on the East (hereinafter the “Vacant Lot”); and,

WHEREAS, the Central Arkansas Library System Foundation (the “Foundation”) seeks the consent of the City to convert a portion of the Vacant Lot nearest the Main Branch into a functioning park for the benefit of library staff, library patrons, downtown residents, employees of downtown businesses and the general public, within the first six months of calendar year 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the Foundation, together with other interested persons, desires to undertake a fund-raising campaign for the purpose of securing sufficient funds to proceed with the development of a portion of the Vacant Lot and requests that consent and approval of the Little Rock Board of Directors to commence this process subject at all times to the provisions set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock (the "City"), subject at all times to the conditions set forth hereinafter, does hereby consent to and approve the efforts of the Foundation together with other interested persons, to (a) conduct a fund raising campaign for the purpose of funding the development of a portion of the Vacant Lot described hereinabove into a public park for use by the

1 citizens of the City and members of the general public, and (b) to proceed with the development of a portion
2 of the I-30 Crossing Park. The City's consent and approval is subject to the following conditions:

3 1. That the funds raised for the purposes set forth in this Resolution shall be held in
4 trust by the Foundation;

5 2. That no funds may be expended for the purpose of development of the Vacant Lot
6 without the approval of "Sasaki", the Director of the City's Parks Department and a representative
7 of the Ecological Design Group;

8 3. That any and all improvements to that portion of the Vacant Lot nearest the Main
9 Branch of the Foundation shall at all times be consistent with the provisions of "Phase 0" of the
10 Sasaki overall plan for the I-30 Crossing Park so as to insure that such improvements will be
11 compatible with the overall development plan for the larger Park as envisioned in the Sasaki plan;

12 4. That no portion of the vacant lot shall at any time be developed or improved for
13 commercial purposes; and

14 5. That the Foundation will take steps to begin raising the necessary funds and to
15 improve the vacant lot only upon the adoption and approval of this Resolution by the City.

16 **Section 2.** This resolution shall be in effect from and upon its approval by the Board of Directors.

17 **Section 3. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase,
18 or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
19 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and
20 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the
21 resolution.

22 **Section 4. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent
23 with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

24 **ADOPTED: December 16, 2025**

25 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

28 **Allison Segars, City Clerk**

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

29 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

32 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**